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SUBJECT: SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENT TO CHAD

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1. DEC 17 DCM MET WITH MAJOR GANDARIAS, ACTING DEFENSE ATTACHE, FRENCH EMBASSY, ON NEW COMMAND STRUCTURE CAMEROONIAN MILITARY. HOPE POUCH FINAL REPORT THIS SUBJECT NDJAMENA DEC 21ST.
 2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, GANDARIAS OBSERVED THAT COLONEL LAMORT HAD MADE AN ERROR IN HIS PREVIOUS ESTIMATE THAT RUSSIAN SHIPMENT MILITARY SUPPLIES INCLUDED 2,000 TONS MUNITIONS. GANDARIAS SAID LAMORT CALCULATION HAD BEEN BASED ON NUMBER OF BOXES AND WEIGHT OF EACH IF IT CONTAINED AMMUNITION. FRENCH HAD SINCE LEARNED THAT BOXES CONTAINED WEAPONS AND OTHER MILITARY SUPPLIES, AS WELL AS MUNITIONS. HE SAID MUNITIONS SHIPMENT CLOSER TO 300 TONS.
 3. COMMENT: OUR CONSULATE DOUALA (REFTEL C) ABLE TO COME UP WITH MORE ACCURATE INFO THAN PROFESSIONAL FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHES IN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRY, WHICH PROVES THAT ONE PEAK AT MANIFEST WORTH TWO FINESSES.
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